[27th March 1929

Arrest of Mr. Manoranjan Gupta.

* 2025 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Police and 25 constables at Bezwada arrested Mr. Manoranjan Gupta, a member of the All-India Congress Committee and an ex-detenu under Bengal Regulation and took him and his articles away to the police station, at one o'clock in the night without any warrant, under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gupta had come to Bezwada a few days back only to organize agencies for the Bengal Life Insurance Company but had done no political work of any kind either at Bezwada or in any part of the Madras Presidency;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gupta was lying down in a friend's house on the night of the arrest suffering from 102 degrees fever and severe cough;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Basu in whose residence Mr. Gupta was arrested offered to give bail for Mr. Gupta's attendance at any court on any day for any trial but that the police refused to take the bail and carried Mr. Gupta in a very bad condition of health to the police station and locked him up;

(*e*) whether the police acted like that under any orders or instructions from any magistrate and if so, who that magistrate is;

(*f*) whether the articles and papers of Mr. Gupta were carried away to the police station without giving any receipt, though demanded by Mr. Basu;

(*g*) whether the police acted under the instruction of the Government of Madras or Government of Bengal and if so, whether the Government will place the instructions on the table of the House;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the same Police Inspector arrested Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti also without any warrant under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, at the railway station at Bezwada at 4 a.m.; and

(*i*) what are the circumstances under which Mr. Gupta has been arrested?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*), (*g*) *&* (*h*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (*a*) to (*c*), (*h*) and (*i*), respectively, of question No. 2024 (starred).

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*) *&* (*i*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) and (*j*) of question No. 2024 (starred).

Publication and sale of the Police Manual.

* 2026 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Police Manual is not available for sale to the public;

(*b*) whether it is also not available to the Members of the Legislative Council; and

(*c*) if so, for what reasons?